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TAGS: BPRO, BGEN, DR  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SEMINAR OF US CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 572

1. THE DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS, GENERAL JUAN TOMAS REYES EVORA, HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A US CUSTOMS SEMINAR IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO EXPLAIN US CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, WITH TRADE BETWEEN THE DR AND PUERTO RICO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. GEN REYES ALSO REQUESTED US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ADVISE HIM ON GENERAL CUSTOMS OPERATIONS.

2. THE SEMINAR COULD BE OPEN TO LEADING EXPORTERS, THE DOMINICAN CENTER FOR EXPORT PROMOTION (CEDOPEX), CENTRAL BANK OFFICIALS, AND DOMINICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHEN TOPICS RELATING TO GENERAL US CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES ARE COVERED. CLOSED SESSIONS COULD BE HELD WHEN PROBLEMS OF DOUBLE INVOICING, UNDERINVOICING, AND OTHER METHODS OF EVADING CUSTOMS DUTIES ARE DISCUSSED. US CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES IS A POSSIBLE TOPIC. DURATION OF SEMINAR COULD BE ONE WEEK.

3. BECAUSE SPANISH WOULD NECESSARILY BE THE LANGUAGE OF THE SEMINAR AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DR'S EXPORTS OTHER THAN SUGAR AND MINERALS GO TO PUERTO RICO, PERHAPS US CUSTOMS IN PUERTO RICO COULD PARTICIPATE IN

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PREPARATION AND CONDUCT OF SUCH A SEMINAR.

4. EARLY AUTUMN WOULD BE A GOOD PERIOD.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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